

Miller & Rhoads.

\$3.50 French Flannel Waists for \$1.69.

There's lots of small manufacturers in New York that sell to the larger stores of that city in the early part of the season and get full prices for all they can make, up to a certain time.

When the big stores get all they want, the little manufacturer is glad enough to sell what he has left over, of the same goods for almost anything that he can get.

We bought all the cloth one of these waist-makers had, and the waists were made up exactly as we ordered them, material and finish being the same as the maker had used for his high-priced garments two months ago.

Box pleated front and back, with each pleat finished with small buttons on the front and back, pleated backs, stock collar and tie, trimmed in self-colored material and large buttons. These waists are unlined and of GENUINE French flannel.

Flannelette Wrappers, 79c and \$1.00.

They Are \$1.25 and \$1.69 Values.

For weather like we've had the past couple of days there's nothing more comfortable for a house garment than a Flannelette Wrapper.

Good ones here, priced much below the ordinary.

79c. and \$1.00 for Wrappers that we sold early in the winter for \$1.25 and \$1.69.

Nicely made, cut a good width, bodies well lined, and the skirt made with a deep flounce.

These Good Blankets Have Been Reduced in Price.

When January is passing out our Blanket prices begin to descend.

Always moderate, even in the early season, the reductions now mean great savings.

Fine California Blankets, for instance, that were ten dollars a pair, we are now at \$8.00. Nicely bound in silk, 12-4 size, and each pair put up in a pretty box.

\$5.00 Fine Wool Blankets now \$3.00. Good size, 12-4.

\$1.00 was the price of an All-Wool Filled White Blanket, 11-4 size. They're now \$3.75. Good silk binding.

Red Blankets, all-wool and 10-4 size, \$3.25 per pair.

5 Pounds of Java Coffee for 88c.

It's another offering of broken-grain Coffee.

Our twelve-and-a-half-cent Coffee was GOOD, very good for the price, but this is better, inasmuch as it's selected from the broken grains of our higher-priced Coffee only.

Put up in 5-pound cans for 88c per can. There's a pretty picture given with each can. These pictures are of good quality, easel back and very artistic. Not trashy, but well worth having.

With each 5-pound can of 88c Coffee or 1 pound of 88c Coffee we also give you a library coupon. Four coupons with a pound of the 88c Coffee and two coupons with the 21c Coffee. 100 of these coupons entitle you to a year's subscription free to any one of the 136 monthly magazines.

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WAS ROBBED ON A CROWDED STREET

Very Unpleasant Experience Reported by a Young Man.

Highway robbery on Broad Street in the full glare of electric light and in the full view of a passing throng is rather a remarkable proceeding, but it is said to have happened. The case is one of several days ago, but it has just come to light, and it is interesting as one abstract proposition without reference to time.

Some nights since Mr. Blinn, a young man employed at the Model Steam Laundry on Twenty-fifth Street, visited the Elbow Theatre with a friend or two. The most serious part of the case was that Blinn was the loss of the three \$5 bills, in another there was some small change and a dollar bill. Between acts, Mr. Blinn, with his friends, left the playhouse and went to refresh himself at one of the saloons nearby. Then he came out and started back.

The hour was somewhere about 3:30 o'clock, Mr. Blinn, according to a report given by him to a private detective here, suddenly felt himself struck beside the head and then he lapsed into insensibility. The friends he was with pulled him up, and got him on his feet again. The most serious part of the case was that Blinn was the loss of the three \$5 bills, in another there was some small change and a dollar bill. Between acts, Mr. Blinn, with his friends, left the playhouse and went to refresh himself at one of the saloons nearby. Then he came out and started back.

Mr. Blinn went back to the Bijou and saw the remainder of the play. Later on he told his friends that a private detective here, but he declared that for personal reasons he did not wish the case prosecuted.

IS GONE AGAIN

Gypsy Jack Eludes the Grasp of Sheriff Simon Solomon.

The perversity of "Gypsy Jack," the whilom resident at the Henrico jail, is a matter of sore distress to the officials of the county.

Some time ago this feeble young man manifested a decided distaste to continued confinement in the jail, and finally one day he stole quietly away, leaving his guards to guess vainly for a time whether he had gone. A few days ago the fugitive ran into the hands of some Norfolk police who promptly nabbed him and started him away until somebody should call. Sheriff Simon Solomon went down, got Gypsy Jack and started back with him. But again did his business exhibit a rare sensitiveness as he approached the jail. The train pulled into town about 7 o'clock, and then Gypsy Jack stole away again. He darted under the train and before the sheriff could pull himself about he was gone. Mr. Solomon snatched his pistol several times, but it wouldn't explode. Then in supreme disgust he went to the courthouse alone and began to lay plans for the recapture of the elusive transgressor.

STATE MISSIONS

Quarterly Meeting of the Board Held at Second Church Last Night.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Eastern States Mission Board was held last night at 9 o'clock at the Second Baptist Church with a full membership present. The reason was one of unusual interest. The reports were of a most encouraging character, and exhibited a gratifying progress in the work.

During the quarter there have been 20 conversions in the State, several churches have been completed, and others are being built. The Board expressed its great pleasure at the decision of Mr. B. D. Garland to accept the

VOTE OF THANKS TO LADY OF RICHMOND

Trades and Labor Council Appreciates Her Efforts in Behalf of Child-Labor Bill.

The Trade and Labor Council held an interesting and busy session at Ellett's Hall last night, several matters of importance being taken up for consideration and passed upon. The meeting was well attended, the hall being comfortably filled with members of the organization when the gravel of the president balled the body to order.

As was expected, more time and talk was given up to the child labor bill, which is now pending before the General Assembly, than any other one subject, the body expressing itself unanimously in favor of the bill.

Mr. W. H. Mullin was named as a committee of one to appear before the Senate Committee and urge a favorable report upon the proposed legislation. This gentleman is well acquainted with the purposes of the law and is well qualified to explain its working to the committee.

A vote of thanks was unanimously extended to Mrs. E. C. Minor for the efforts she has made in behalf of the bill before the Legislature, several members taking advantage of the opportunity to compliment the lady very highly. A delegation from Petersburg was recognized, and it was explained to the body that the union folk of Petersburg are very anxious to have a Trade and Labor Council established in their city. It was stated that a move is now on foot to organize the retail clerks into a union after which an effort will be made to effect a permanent Trade and Labor Council.

A letter from T. D. Stokes & Company, wholesale haters, was read, in which it was stated that the house had ceased handling the goods manufactured by a firm which is at present at odds with its employees. Much other routine business was disposed of, the body adjourning about 11 o'clock.

FINE EXHIBIT MAPPED OUT

St. Louis Exposition Commissioners' Headquarters Here.

MR. KOINER IS PRESIDENT

Commissioner of Agriculture Is Chosen Chairman of the Board—Hons. Geo. E. Murrell and W. W. Baker First and Second Assistants

Measrs. G. W. Koiner, A. M. Bowman and J. Lewis Patton, Virginia commissioners for the St. Louis Exposition, met yesterday, organized and held an interesting discussion of the plan and scope of the very creditable exhibit this State in certain to make at the great Western fair.

The meeting was held at noon in the office of Mr. Koiner, Commissioner of Agriculture. For two hours and more the three gentlemen were closeted in the discussion. First of all, Mr. Koiner was chosen to preside and be the executive officer of the body. This will have the effect of making Richmond the headquarters of the arrangements for the exhibit until the spring of next year, when the bulk of preparations will be transferred to St. Louis. Colonel Bowman was made secretary and treasurer.

A VEXING QUESTION. As soon as the board was thus organized the question of assistants was taken up.

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MR. GEORGE E. MURRELL (First Assistant)

This has been vexing the board considerably from the fact that there were so few places to be filled, and at least fifty worthy persons who wanted positions. After some discussion it was decided to elect the assistants as they were needed. Every member of the board declares that personal considerations should in no wise influence him in the selection of assistants, but that each one should be chosen with a view to peculiar fitness for the work he was expected to do.

Mr. George E. Murrell, of Bedford, a member of the House of Delegates, was chosen to be first assistant, and Captain W. W. Baker, of Hallsboro, also a member of the House of Delegates, will be urged to accept the position of second assistant. Mr. Murrell, who is regarded as one of the best men in the State for the work he will have to do, will accept, and the board elected Mr. Baker without his knowledge and consent, and hopes by urging to succeed in getting him to lend his ripe experience and wise advice to the enterprise for the benefit of the State.

CHARGE NOT A CENT. Captain Baker was seen later in the day and asked whether he would be induced to accept the position.



CAPT. W. W. BAKER (Second Assistant)

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The next meeting of the board will be held February 9th, when other assistants may be chosen.

Telephone History.

Sir—I have just read your article in the first issue of the above newly-consolidated journal, of this date, under the caption, "Review of a Long Fight," and with a great deal of interest. Having been identified from its inception with the telephone interests and growth in the State of Virginia, and having been for over twenty years an active participant in the telephone enterprises and controversies of our city, it is quite natural that such a review of the local telephone situation as you indulge in should be, to me, of paramount interest.

In the main, your statements are in strict conformity with history, the few inaccuracies being, I believe, accidental. I desire to correct, however, one or two minor inaccuracies upon points pertaining to myself, or in which I feel a strong personal interest.

Although I visited Philadelphia during the Centennial Exposition, I did not hear of the "Review of a Long Fight" until after my return to my home in Lynchburg, when The Scientific American published the first description of it. From that journal I first learned the principles governing the electrical transmission of sound, and the use of human voice, and was thereby induced to construct the pair of telephones which I utilized for months on my telegraph wire between the Western Union office and my residence. I have the same pair of phones in my possession now.

And they are as serviceable as ever. The Chamber of Commerce did not ask the Council to revoke the franchise of the Southern Bell Company because of the poor character of the exchange service, as you erroneously state, but solely upon the grounds of the refusal of the company to accede to the demand of the chamber for a twenty-dollar reduction of rates. The municipal Committee on Grounds and Buildings were at the same time demanding free phones for the new City Hall, under the threat of the revocation of the company's franchise, and the chamber joined hands with the committee to bring about that result. The entire fight was upon the question of a concession of rates. The service had nothing whatever to do with it.

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NEGRO MAY BE DROWNED

Was Frightened and Ran Into James River.

A SCRAP ON HULL STREET

Some Excitement Created There Yesterday Afternoon—No Smallpox Now, Says President Hall—No Fight at Leader Hall.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, No. 1102 Hull Street.

The body of a Manchester negro will probably be found in the river to-day. Perch Foster and Dave Boyd, two well-known negroes, got into a dispute near the Putney Warehouse shortly before 8 o'clock yesterday evening, and the result was a fusillade from pistols in the hands of each. Nobody was hurt, but Foster thought it better to run than to stand, and he made tracks toward the river, and overcoming all obstacles, the railroad tracks and ditches, he ran out upon the top of the dam above Belle Isle, with the evident view of getting into Richmond in his mind.

WAS WOUNDED AT RAY. He made some progress, but he struck a strong place of water, which, according to the report of an alleged eye-witness, took him off his feet and washed him into the surging waters below. Another person reported to have seen him go down the river.

This report will be verified to-day. The negro has not been seen by the police and others who were searching for him since he ran in the direction of the river. What started the discussion between the two negroes that led up to the shooting is not known. Two negroes went into Mr. J. T. Abbott's place yesterday afternoon and bought a lot of 22-calibre cartridges. As they were going out the door one of them made this remark:

"Dat fellow fings a brick at me, and me 'im going to him."

Then they departed.

Whether this was one of the men or not Mr. Abbott was unable to say. Boyd will be arrested, and so will Foster, if his dead body is not found among the rocks in the James.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER. A negro giving the name of Henry Johnson is locked up in the station-house under the charge of being a suspicious character. He says he is from Florida, but further he saith not, and it is quite probable he will be held further, pending inquiry.

Some excitement was occasioned yesterday afternoon at the corner of Eighth and Hull Streets by a group of lively proportions, in which E. C. McDowell was pretty well done up by W. J. Dobbins, who keeps a bar-room at that corner. A warrant was served out before "Squire Jordan" by Mr. McDowell and Mr. Dobbins will be before Mayor Maurice this morning.

NO SMALLPOX. Dr. Hill, president of the Board of Health, said yesterday that there was not a case of smallpox in the city.

The report that there was a case on Second Street arose over the fact that a house in that vicinity is under quarantine because one of the residents had been thrown in contact with a case.

There is little danger of a case developing, and Dr. Hill says he thinks the precautionary measures taken will prevent any spread of the disease.

Public vaccination will not yet begin. The report that a fight had taken place at the dance given at Leader Hall on Monday night proves to have been without foundation. The facts are that several Richmond girls went to the dance, which was a private affair without invitations, and that one of those who was present as a guest objected to them. The management of the dance informed the young ladies from Richmond that their presence was not desired, and they withdrew, not, however, without expressing themselves with some indignation. There were no blows and no disorder.

NO CLUES. Nothing has been seen or heard of the escaped prisoners from the Chesterfield County Jail. Two of the county officers went to Jarrett's to investigate a rumor that the men had been seen there, but they learned nothing. It is not believed the negroes are in this vicinity.

ENTERALMENTS. The West End Comedy Company entertained a fair-sized audience at Leader Hall last night, and a neat sum was realized for the benefit of Mr. William Turner, for whose sake the performance was given. The "turns" were really meritorious.

A cantata will be given at Bainbridge Street Baptist Church to-morrow night. The occasion promises to be a most pleasant one.

The young ladies of the church will give a calendar tea at the Presbyterian Church to-morrow evening. A musical programme will be given by Misses Moxelle Gregory, Mattie Elington, Elsie Cooke, Margie Owens, Lucie Owens and Astris, and C. Montgomery, Burton, Phillips and B. Owens.

SMALL TALK.

Mr. Lee Latham, who has been in Philadelphia for some days visiting his son, is expected back to-day.

The case of Maggie and Bettie Brown, the negro women charged with cutting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fugh with an axe, has been continued to the next term of the Corporation Court.

All items of news, personal notes and church notices left at Carter's drug store for The Times-Dispatch will be looked after in the proper way.

Mrs. Wiley Better.

The condition of Mrs. George K. Wiley, who was painfully injured Monday by a fall down a flight of stairs, is much improved.

A STUBBORN COLD OR BRONCHITIS.

yields more readily to Scott's Emulsion of cod-liver oil than to anything that you can take; and if persistently used a few days, will break up the cold.

When you awake in the night choked up and coughing hard, take a dose of the Emulsion, and you will get immediate relief, where no cough medicine will give you relief. It has a soothing and healing effect upon the throat and bronchial tubes.

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MAD WOMEN MEET DEATH

Fifty-two Perish in Flames That Destroyed Asylum.

MOST PITIABLE SCENES

Charred Remains Presented a Horrifying Spectacle—Panic Among the Patients Made Experience of Nurses a Terrible One.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, January 27.—Fifty-two insane patients, all women, were burned to death by a fire at the Cooney Hatch Asylum this morning.

The outbreak occurred in the Jewish wing of the institution. The flames spread with great rapidity, and before they could be gotten under control five wooden buildings, including dormitories and doctors' apartments, were gutted.

All the efforts of the officials were directed to removing the insane inmates, but the latter became wild with excitement and so panic-stricken that not only were they unable to help themselves, but greatly impeded the operation of those trying to save them.

They were nearly six hundred women in the burned annex at the time the fire was discovered, and most of them were safely transferred to the main building, which was uninjured.

THE HORRIFYING SPECTACLE. All the victims were lunatics. Their charred remains presented a horrifying spectacle. The asylum was beset by anxious relatives or friends of the patients, who arrived from all quarters. Pitiably scenes were witnessed as men and women left the premises after ascertaining that relatives or friends had perished in the flames.

The nurses had a terrible experience in trying to assist the insane people, who were so panic-stricken that they had literally to be driven to a place of safety. The inflammable premises almost immediately became a furnace. Nothing was left standing. The corrugated iron roofs of the dormitories and the beds of the patients were melted by the intense heat.

Some of the lunatics were burned in their beds, and the charred remains of others were found huddled together in corners, while groups of partially consumed bodies on the site of the corridors showed evidence of the terrible scene. The bodies of the patients were found in various positions, some of them having been thrown from the windows.

About the next event in local amusement circles will be the big entertainment to be given at the Academy of Music on February 28th by the Seventh Regiment, under the direction of Mr. Melville Daniels.

The play will be for the benefit of the encampment fund, and will be given by the advanced pupils of the Daniels' School of Acting, a number of whom are as good as professionals. The play will be "The Hostler," a play of the rustic, pastoral kind, and resembling in many respects "Way Down East."

The Seventeenth Regiment is anxious to go into camp for a week next summer, and this entertainment is for the purpose of raising a fund for that purpose.

Dr. Murrell's Paper.

The Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery met last night at the P. A. headquarters with a fairly good attendance present, despite the disagreeable weather.

The feature of the evening was a most interesting paper from Dr. Thomas W. Murrell, entitled "A discussion, in which all of the members joined, followed the presentation of the paper.

Telegraphic Briefs.

ROME, GA.—It is announced that the Rome cotton factory in this city will be sold here to the highest bidder on February 3d. The plant originally cost \$125,000.

ATLANTA, GA.—General Adna R. Chaffee, who arrived in this city last night, spent the day inspecting Fort McPherson barracks. A committee welcomed General Chaffee this morning, and a public reception was tendered him to-night.

The News of Fulton.

Rev. W. S. Leake, pastor of Fulton Baptist Church, will celebrate his second anniversary as pastor of that church next Sunday morning. The services will be interesting and special music will be furnished.

Mr. Frank Neagle, a well known musician of Church Hill, and Miss Ella Whitlow